

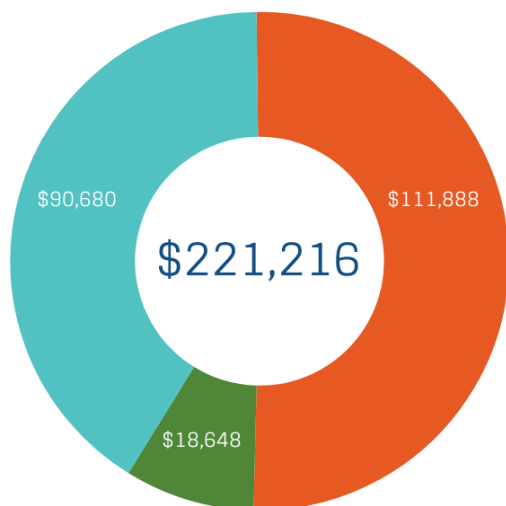
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Funded Partners

ACT Lawrence, Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, Change the Play Inc., Family Services of the Merrimack Valley, Lawrence Family Development & Education Fund Inc., Lawrence Police Department, Merrimack Valley YMCA, YWCA Northeastern Massachusetts

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi>

Funding Allocation



4,335 Total Youth Served

63%
At-Risk



Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

28%
High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

9%
Proven-Risk



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

= 10% of Youth Served

Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth
Development
&
Recreation*



3,185

Participated in
Positive Youth
Development
Programs

394

Developed
Communication and
Conflict Resolution
Skills

Case Management
&
Street Outreach
or Intervention



40

Received Case
Management
Services

30

Case Management
Goals Achieved

Education
&
Employment



331

Participated in
Education
Programs

36

Completed a
Subsidized
Employment
Program

Suppression



47

Law Enforcement
Supported Home
Visits

15

Hot Spot Patrols
Completed

Community
Mobilization



1,337

People Attended
Events, Meetings,
and Presentations

81

Community Events,
Meetings, and
Presentations Held

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts		Lawrence
6,811,779	Total Population (2016 Estimate)	80,209
11.4%	Population Lives in Poverty	26.4%
3.8%	Unemployment Rate	7.1%
953,748	Total School Population) (2016-2017)	13,857
30.2%	Economically Disadvantaged	64.9%
1.8%	High School Dropout Rate	3.7%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Gang Activity in Lawrence

7
Street Gangs

200+
Gang Members

In 2017, Lawrence Police Department identified seven gangs of primary concern comprising over 200 members. As a result of the aggressive gang recruitment within the schools, gang members are often young with ages ranging between 14 and 24 years. Drug trafficking, drug distribution, high-end burglary, motor vehicle theft, inter-gang violence (including shootings and stabbings), and check forgery and other fraud constitute the primary gang-related activities

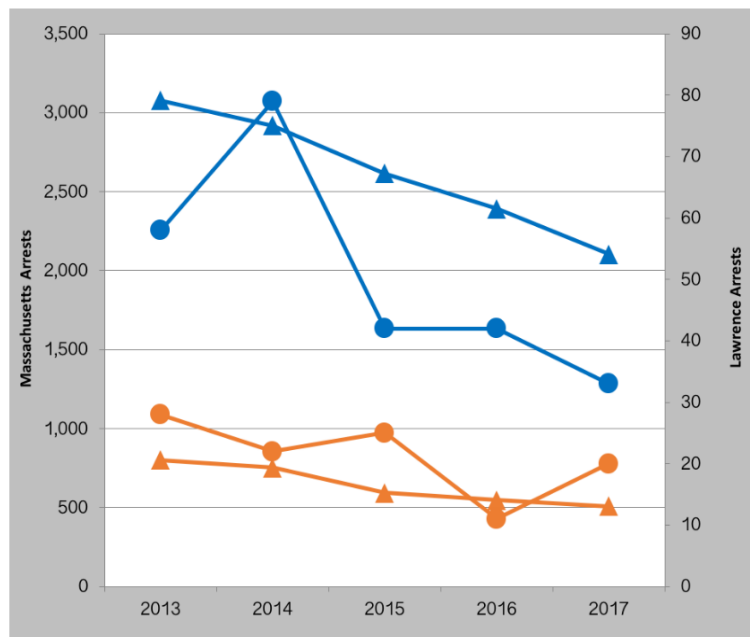
5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2013-2017*

Massachusetts Aggravated Assaults

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 31.6% (973 arrests)

Massachusetts Robbery

Robbery arrests declined by 36.5% (292 arrests)



*Lawrence data only available for individuals ages 14-24.
Simple Assault data not reported.

Lawrence Aggravated Assaults

Aggravated assaults declined by 43.1% (25 arrests)

Lawrence Robbery

Robbery arrests declined by 28.6% (8 arrests)